

Office of the General Counsel  
Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528



**Homeland  
Security**

JAN 14 2021

The Honorable Michael R. Pence  
President of the Senate  
S-212, Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Federal Vacancies Reform Act Submissions

Dear Mr. Vice President:

On behalf of the Department, I submit forms for a *discontinuation of service in an acting role* and a *designation of an acting officer* for a position that is covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. No. 105-277 as codified in 5 U.S.C. § 3345 *et seq.*

Should you have any questions or otherwise require agency contact in this matter, please contact Mr. Leo Boucher at (202) 447-3623 or via email at [leo.boucher@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:leo.boucher@hq.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neal J. Swartz".

Neal J. Swartz  
Associate General Counsel for General Law

Attachments:

Discontinuation of service in an acting role DHS – Secretary  
Designation of an acting officer, DHS – Secretary

## Submission Under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act

### Addressees

- ☒ President of the United States Senate
 ☐ Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
 ☐ Comptroller General of the United States

### This Report Provides Notification of:

- ☐ Vacancy
 ☒ Designation of acting officer
 ☐ Nomination
 ☐ Action on nomination  
☐ Change in previously submitted reported information
 ☐ Discontinuation of service in acting role  
 (date: \_\_\_\_\_)

Name of Department or Agency and Any Suborganization

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Secretary

Vacancy Title

Secretary

Date Vacancy Began

04/10/19

Name of Acting Officer

Gaynor, Peter T.

Date Service Began

01/12/21

Authority for Acting Designation if Other Than Vacancies Act

6 USC § 113(g)(2); 5 USC 3345

Name of Nominee for Position

Date Nomination Submitted

Action on Nomination:

☐ Confirmed

☐ Rejected, withdrawn, returned

Date of Action

### Agency Contact

Name and Title

Leo E. Boucher III, Asst. General Counsel, Administrative Law, General Law Division

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Contact's Phone Number

Contact's E-Mail Address

### Submitted By

Name and Title

Neal J. Swartz, Associate General Counsel for General Law

Telephone Number

Signature



Date

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Secretary

Vacancy Title

Secretary

Date Vacancy Began

04/10/19

Name of Acting Officer

Wolf, Chad F.

Date Service Began

11/13/19

Authority for Acting Designation if Other Than Vacancies Act

Name of Nominee for Position

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